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ADDITIONAL DATA ON UKRAINIAN FASCISTS

Hour Stories on ODWU and Hetman Bring Interesting Results

Following The Hour's disclosures about the activities in the United States of the fascistic Ukrainian organizations, the ODWU and the Hetman (see The Hour for July 27 and August 10), progressive Ukrainian papers throughout the country reprinted the exposés. Their editors wrote us expressing strong approval that these facts, so long concealed, had finally been brought to light. To quote from one letter: "Your articles on the ODWU have had national repercussions, especially among the Ukrainian groups. As a matter of fact, in Pittsburgh, because the enemies of the ODWU were not able to obtain extra copies of The Hour, they retyped the contents of the article and distributed scores of copies. ... the ODWU is said to be in a purple rage over the whole thing."

The ODWU and the Hetman did not hide their irritation. They attacked The Hour in their publications. They bombarded these offices with letters and telephone calls, protesting that the two groups were staunch "pro-democratic" institutions. Representatives from both organizations visited The Hour. So concerned, in fact, were the ODWU and the Hetman that a delegation of their leaders is said to have gone to Washington, D. C., to see what could be done, through their contacts on the Hill, to silence the unwelcome publicity they were receiving.

Smuk, Kibzey, Malytzky, and Kuropas

In our first article on the Ukrainian fascists, we had revealed that the ODWU had managed to place sympathizers or actual members of their organization on the executive board of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association, which has a following of some 40,000. The Hour named four such individuals. The Association's attorney, Michael Piznak, wrote us that, "The four individuals whom you mention are duly-appointed members of the Supreme Subordinate Committee and are not 'mysterious' individuals. Mr. Smook is an attorney in Chicago and a captain in the United States Army. Dr. Kibzey is a physician practising in Detroit and Mr. Malisky is an attorney practising in Cleveland, Ohio." The fourth person named by The Hour, whom Mr. Piznak fails to mention, was Stephen Kuropas, member of the ODWU in Chicago and regular contributor to the Ukrainian-language newspaper Svoboda.

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Whether or not there is anything "mysterious" about the individuals referred to may be judged from the following facts. On October 31, 1938, Omer Malytzky (Malisky) wired Adolph Hitler praising him "for his history-making efforts in the adjustment of minority rights." On September 30, 1938, A. Kibzey sent a similar telegram to the German Fuehrer (this telegram was also signed by John Koos, assistant to Harry Bennett, key executive at the Ford Motor Company). The same year, Stephen Kuropas, according to a letter written by himself, took part in an initiation in Chicago of ODWU members, which was conducted by Colonel Sushko -- a notorious Nazi agent and member of the Provid (European headquarters of Ukrainian fascists), who was then visiting in this country for propaganda and espionage purposes. Early in 1940, U. S. Army Captain Roman Smuk (Smook), according to the official ODWU publication The Ukraine, visited the New York headquarters of the ODWU with Stephen Kuropas for the purpose of giving financial support to that organization.

Letter From Ukrainian Churchman

Of the various communications received by The Hour, the most informative was a letter from a prominent Ukrainian Churchman, who -- for excellent reasons -- prefers us not to mention his name. Following are excerpts from the letter:

"The present headquarters of the OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, of which the ODWU is a branch) are in Rome. Col. Andrew Melnyk, the Fuehrer of Ukrainian fascists, lives in one of the suburbs of Rome. Here Eugene Onatsky, European correspondent of Svoboda (83 Grand Street, Jersey City) harbors in his home all active members of the OUN. He is also the paymaster. Some of the funds at his disposal come from Berlin, some are supplied by the ODWU of the U. S. and the OUN of Canada. Members of the Provid that remained in Germany are now either in the German Army or became members of the Gestapo. This will correct your statement as to the present headquarters of the OUN as stated in issue #55 of your publication. (The Hour had expressed the belief that OUN headquarters were in Germany.) -- Editor

"The ODWU became violently democratic lately. Statements to the effect that democracy is decadent and rotten to the core, that the U. S. will be taught a lesson by Japan, that the totalitarian is the only system of government, etc., are not being repeated any more. Instead the ODWU assures President Roosevelt of its undying loyalty to the government of the U. S. and proclaims itself a true defender of democracy.

"Your information about the personnel of ODWU does not include one of the most prominent sub-Fuehrers, a Mr. Vladimir Dushnyck, editor of The Ukraine, a former student in Belgium where he was suspected of espionage for Germany and was held in custody for some time before he came to the U. S.

"Your information as to the efforts of ODWU to dominate Ukrainian-American organizations is absolutely correct ...

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"ODWU has also been very active in Ukrainian Churches. As far as the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese, with Bishop Constantine Bohachewsky of Philadelphia, is concerned, ODWU had little success until recent months. Bishop Bohachewsky was known as an ardent opponent of any political activities within his diocese. The situation changed when Bishop Buchko came to the U. S. as temporary auxiliary bishop and settled in New York City. His influence immediately became evident; publications affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese began publicizing ODWU and its ideology. On August 18 ODWU held its field day at Singer's Park in Springfield, N. J. Festivities began with a pontifical mass with Bishop Buchko as celebrant, preacher, and later one of the main speakers.

"Nationalists, in reality Ukrainian Nazis, in Bishop Buchko's opinion, are the 'flower of the nation' (Ukraine, August 16, 1940). ...

"There is, however, a very strong movement among Ukrainian-Americans against the ODWU, its ideology, its connections with the Provid linked with Berlin and Rome, its efforts to dominate all Ukrainian organizations in the U. S. The Ukrainian Working-men's Association of Scranton, Pa., for example, a formidable fraternal group with some twenty-five thousand members, has been opposed to the ODWU for years."

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INFORMATION PLEASE

Periodically The Hour has carried articles concerning the propaganda work of the German Library of Information, located at 17 Battery Place, New York City. Last week this Nazi-inspired organization sent us a handsomely printed booklet, entitled The German Library of Information -- A Clearing House of Knowledge. A letter accompanying the publication politely stated: "Believing that from time to time you may be in search of reference material concerning modern Germany, its books, authors, etc., we have taken the liberty of sending you the enclosed booklet."

The booklet, which describes the facilities of the Library of Information, is amply illustrated with pictures of the books, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, files, display cases, phonograph records, lantern slides, "archives and collections" available for use at the Library.

Nowhere in the twenty-eight pages of this booklet offering information about modern Germany is the word "Nazi" mentioned.

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SOUTH BEND NEWSPAPER LAUDS FASCIST PROPAGANDIST

Publishes Strong Endorsement of Work by Joseph Kamp

On August 28 the Tribune of South Bend, Indiana, devoted a full column of enthusiastic praise to the fascistic booklet The Fifth Column in Washington, which was recently written by Joseph P. Kamp. The newspaper



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article, signed by Whitfield Kerr, says that the booklet "is doing more than any other document, individual or agency to throw the spotlight on that aggregation of persons who, by word and deed, are attempting to subvert the constitution and undermine the government." The article adds that "patriotic Americans" who have read it have created a nation-wide demand for this amazing and timely analysis of the fifth column." About the author of the booklet Whitfield Kerr writes: "Joseph P. Kamp, hard-hitting author, lecturer, editor and executive vice chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., wrote this merciless indictment of America's Fifth Column. It was typical of Kamp to name names, to document his work with the proof . . ."

On August 17 and 24, The Hour carried articles disclosing the nature of the activities of Joseph Kamp and the so-called Constitutional Educational League. As we pointed out, Kamp has for some time been notorious as a distributor of anti-democratic, anti-labor, anti-Semitic and pro-fascist propaganda. At one time this "hard-hitting author, lecturer, editor" concentrated his efforts on circulating that infamous anti-Semitic forgery known as the "Benjamin Franklin Letter"; in this connection, he worked closely with William Dudley Pelley of the Silver Shirts. Another anti-Jewish work distributed in large quantities by Kamp was the pamphlet Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?

Among his associates Kamp numbers some of the outstanding pro-Nazis in the United States. His work has been praised by such real Fifth Columnists and fascists as James True, Allen Zoll and William Dudley Pelley. The Constitutional League, of which he is now active head, includes on its board well-known anti-Semites like Major A. Cloyd Gill. The League has all the earmarks of a fascist organization, and it has devoted its efforts to fighting labor unions and to campaigns against all progressive legislation.

The booklet which the South Bend Tribune praises so highly makes no mention of the Fifth Column activities of the Bund, the Ku Klux Klan, the Christian Front, the Silver Shirts and the host of other fascist and pro-Nazi groups working in the United States today. The booklet fails to name one of the many noted U. S. Fifth Columnists. Instead it lists as "Fifth Columnists" Harold Ickes, Frances Perkins, David Saposs, Robert H. Jackson, Harry Hopkins, and several hundred other names. The vast majority of the names listed are noticeably Jewish. The anti-Semitism of Kamp's booklet is thinly veiled.

Some weeks ago Cue magazine in New York, its editors not having read The Fifth Column in Washington, accepted a small advertisement for the booklet. When the editors became acquainted, through The Hour's articles, with the nature of the booklet, they decided to accept no more advertisements.

The publicity accorded The Fifth Column in Washington by the South Bend Tribune was not in the form of a paid advertisement. It was a strong endorsement by the newspaper itself of this booklet, which is today being distributed by Christian Fronters and their Nazi cohorts. For this reason, it seems to The Hour that the Tribune should now acquaint its readers with the true nature of the booklet and with the character of its author.